WHEREAS, John Popowski is a longtime state employee of some eighteen years and has served in the field of game management in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, John, appointed Secretary of Game, Fish and Parks in July of 1973, was the first Secretary to be appointed by a Governor; and,

WHEREAS, John, known as "POP" to his many friends in the State of South Dakota has served his State diligently and faithfully; and,

WHEREAS, John has always been an organizer and leader for all employees of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks; and,

WHEREAS, John will be leaving State Government on February I, 1977, to begin employment with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Rock Island, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, I, in conjunction with the employees and staff of the Game, Fish and Parks Department, wish to show appreciation for John's outstanding leadership and guidance for the past eighteen years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 10, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and join with his many friends in wishing him an abundance of good health and happiness on this day and in the years to come.

in witness whereof, thave a hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 10th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ORNA L. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE